

GRAND LODGE CONVENTION INFORMATION SHEET - 2018

The 2018 Grand Lodge Session/Convention will be held in San Antonio, TX July 1-4, 2018.

The North Carolina delegation is assigned to the **Grand Hyatt San Antonio**, 600 East Market Street, San Antonio, TX 78205 which is on the San Antonio River Walk. The Grand Hyatt San Antonio is the headquarters hotel for this convention. The Alaska, Idaho, New Jersey, Oregon, Maryland/Delaware/DC, South Carolina, Tennessee and Washington State Elks and the Grand Lodge delegation will also be in the Grand Hyatt San Antonio.

Room rate will be \$127.26 (taxes included) per night for single/double occupancy and \$156.45 (taxes included) for triple/quad occupancy. The same rates apply for those who wish to stay 3 days before and/or 3 days after the convention if requested on the reservation form. Late checkout must be requested on the reservation form. Cancellation of a reservation must be made 48 hours prior to scheduled arrival date to receive refund of deposit. Most rooms have two full size beds. A room with a king size bed can be requested but isn't guaranteed. Handicapped rooms are available. All rooms have refrigerators, hair dryers, irons and ironing boards. **THIS IS A SMOKE FREE HOTEL.** Taxis, Uber, Lyft and the Super Shuttle are available for transportation between the hotel and the airport. Fares should be \$15-20. There is not a complimentary shuttle service provided by the hotel. For those driving or renting a car parking has been discounted to \$10 a day for self-parking and \$25 a day for valet parking. A Ruth's Chris restaurant, a Perk's Coffee & More which serves breakfast, lunch etc and the Rojo Bar are each located in the hotel. The hotel also has an outdoor pool with a sundeck on the fifth floor.

District Deputy designates must submit a reservation form even though their room will be paid for by Grand Lodge. **ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE THROUGH THE STATE HOUSING CHAIRMAN (Michael Curran) AND ARE DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2018.**

The Sunday Afternoon Opening Ceremony, 150th Anniversary Celebration and Daily Business Sessions will take place at the Henry B Gonzalez Convention Center, 200 E. Market Street, San Antonio, TX 78205 which is within walking distance from the Grand Hyatt. Shuttle service will also be available. The Opening Ceremony will be from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on Sunday, July 1st, and the 150th Anniversary Celebration will follow the Opening Ceremony on July 1st. There will be entertainment at the Celebration and food and drinks available for purchase. The Daily Business Sessions Monday-Wednesday will begin at 8:00 AM and end around noon. Registration & Exhibits will be at the Henry B Gonzalez Convention Center. **You must be registered to attend the Opening Ceremony and 150th Anniversary Celebration – as well as the Daily Business Sessions.** The Exalted Rulers Ball will be at the Grand Hyatt San Antonio on Tuesday, July 3rd from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

In order to improve assistance to handicapped members/guests at the convention and comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, will those that might need transportation and/or wheelchair assistance while attending the convention let me know ASAP so that I can pass that information on to Grand Lodge. Please include that information on your reservation form.

The State President will make available the location and operating hours of the North Carolina State Elks Association Hospitality Suite and where to send your donations.